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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMO:SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE - ZAMBIAN

COMPLAINT (S/S NO.7615742)

REF: PRETORIA 3215(NODIS)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AF-SCHAUFLE AND IO-LEWIS

1. WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW AFRICAN RADICALS WILL PUSH THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ZAMBIAN INCURSION, WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT WHILE THE ZAMBIANS WILL WANT SOME HARSH LANGUAGE IN A RESOLUTION, THEY MAY WISH TO AVOID SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION WHICH LEADS TO CHAPTER VII ACTION. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE CONSIDERING WHAT POSTURE THEY WILL ADOPT. A TOUGH SOUTH AFRICAN APPROACH COULD AROUSE AFRICAN ANGER AND FORCE THE DEBATE IN AN UNPRODUCTIVE DIRECTION. A CONFRONTATION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COURSE WE ARE TRYING TO PURSUE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND COMPLICATE OUR POSITION DURING THE NAMIBIAN DEBATE LATER IN AUGUST. WE RECOMMEND YOU APPROVE SENDING OUR VIEWS TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA. FOLLOWING

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2. QTE 1. YOU MIGHT PASS TO THE SAG OUR HOPE THAT ALL
REASONABLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TONE AND
OUTCOME OF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE OVER THE ZAMBIAN INCUR-
SION NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT WHAT WE AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE

TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. QTE 2. BASED ON OUR PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS IN NEW YORK,
SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE,
WE BELIEVE THAT A LOW-KEY, FACTUAL, CONCILIATORY APPROACH
BY SOUTH AFRICA HAS SOME POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTING
TO A MODERATE OUTCOME. UNQTE.

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